

*Executive Proclamation*  
*State of South Dakota*  
*Office of the Governor*

*Whereas*, Ernest William Wingen was born on September 9, 1923, at Salem, South Dakota, to Sophie and Patrick Wingen, the youngest of four children; and,

*Whereas*, Ernest graduated from Salem St. Mary's in 1941, enlisted in the U. S. Navy in 1943, and served his country in World War II; and,

*Whereas*, Ernest was united in marriage to Marie C. Schaeffbauer in 1946, and to this union five children were born, sixteen grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren joining the family; and,

*Whereas*, Ernest received his master's degree in Vocational Agriculture from South Dakota State University, teaching in that field for 35 years, the last 26 years at Hoven High School where he also served as high school principal, mentored two generations of farmers, advised the Future Farmers of America and brought national recognition to his students until his retirement in 1983; and,

*Whereas*, Ernest is a member of the South Dakota Agriculture Hall of Fame, has served as an active member and officer in the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars, he participated in the Color Guard for countless parades, Veteran and Memorial Day ceremonies, took part in, and had a lifelong love of, music and sports, and remains a loyal fan of the New York Yankees; and,

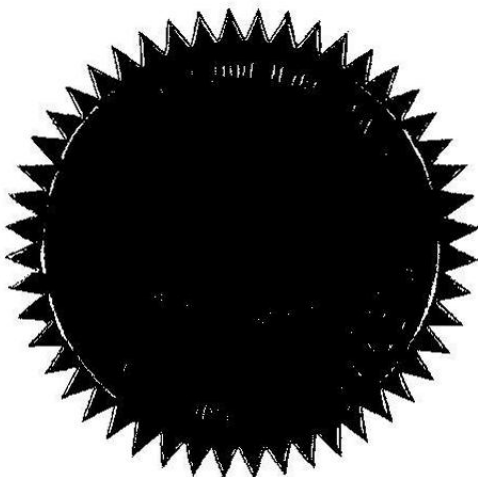
*Whereas*, Ernest married Mary Kay Huber in 1974, and parented three children, who in turn presented them with two grandchildren; and,

*Whereas*, Ernest lives in Spirit Lake, Iowa, and will observe his 80th Birthday with all the good wishes, fanfare, and celebration such a milestone warrants, as his friends and relatives gather to honor him and celebrate his life and the camaraderie of the day; and it is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this milestone in the life of a man who has lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:

*Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds*, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim September 9, 2003, as

*ERNEST W. WINGEN DAY*

in South Dakota, and I join all his friends and his relatives in wishing him a very happy birthday, good health, and great happiness.



*In Witness Whereof*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-ninth Day of August in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Three.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "M. Michael Rounds", written over a horizontal line.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Chris Nelson", written over a horizontal line.

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State